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Operating Systems, and Related Apparatus"

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Claims 1, 14, 24, 29, 39-41 are amended.

Claims 1-41 are pending and are listed below as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of factoring operating system functions comprising:

defining criteria that governs how functions of an operating system are to be factored into one or more groups;

factoring the functions into one or more groups based upon the criteria; and
 associating groups of functions with programming objects that have data
 and methods, wherein the methods correspond to the operating system functions
 effective to provide an object oriented operating system.

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